

Gullah Geechee matching game and crossword puzzle

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Gullah communities, made up of people who are descendants of slaves, are located mostly on the Sea Islands of South Carolina and Georgia. They have a unique culture that is directly linked to West Africa. In South Carolina, this group of African Americans and the language they speak are called Gullah. In Georgia, they are called Geechee. Native Islanders is another term that refers to the Gullah and Geechee people.

Gullah is also a language, developed among Africans to communicate with people from other tribes and Europeans. Gullah/Geechee is no longer considered poor English. In 1930 it was discovered that this is a language made up of English and over 4,000 words from many different African languages.

Many historians believe that the word *Gullah* comes from Angola, a West African country from which many slaves came. Another idea is that *Gullah* is from the Gola, a tribe found near the border of Liberia and Sierra Leone in West Africa. Although where the word comes from is not known, many people agree that the Gullah/Geechee people and their language have African roots.

matching game

See if you can match the Gullah/Geechee words on the left with the everyday English word on the right. How fast can you do this?

No Mannus

Chillun

Day Clean

Can See to Can't See

Dem

Paa'ty

Ack Natchul

Holluh

Mout Dry Up

Aig

Haa'buh

Spile

Make Trak fuh

Gi We

Ooman

Ax

Mek

Ask

Make

Woman

Give to Us

Leave Hurriedly

Spoil

Morning to Night

Harbor

Egg

Act Natural

Speechless

Sunrise

Holler

Party

Them

Children

No Manners

crossword puzzle

Find each of the following words:

- DESCENDENTS
- SEA ISLANDS
- GEORGIA
- PENN CENTER
- ST HELENA ISLAND
- EDISTO ISLAND
- BARBADOS
- RICH HERITAGE
- INDIGO
- SLAVES
- SWEETGRASS
- SIERRA LEONE
- RICE

I I D C I D R I C H H E R I T A G E A N E
 S D P E N N C E N T E R S S A R L E S N E V
 D I E S E A G O T D E S E S O S N L E H E G
 E L E S D N H A S S I V A S E G S F E H G W H
 T L L R C N G L B N A I N A O R G L E L E
 S A I P R E A S R L D N E R S R A T D A A N R
 N I I R L A N L S S E E G O A N F G N G E N
 A W G L I E D S C C S T D N R G D A N I S
 I R N V O S L A I T I S E A D I N D I G O L
 L P E R D I L A E N R L E B R L I R S E I O
 A L A I N N R D O T A P W R P R H D H R E
 E S T T L S A I A I N S E S A I T S N L I N C
 E N G E O R G I A S S E I S B S E S R W E G
 A S A R R E E D I S T O I S L A N D R A B
 S T H E L E N A I S L A N D E R B A S E G
 E S I E D S O W C I I S S D A A E P A S N